

# RECLAMATION

*Managing Water in the West*



American River Water Education Center (Drought-tolerant plants) – Photo Credit: Winetta Owens

The American River Water Education Center, located near Folsom Dam, is open to the public and offers information on water recycling, exhibits (watershed and relief maps of Sacramento, American River Canyon history, history of Folsom Dam, flood control, and water challenges) presentations, and special events. One of the key features is the garden with more than 100 species of drought-tolerant plants (native and non-native) with common and botanical names.

Placer County Master Gardener Barbara Bumgarner shows how mulch, food waste and worms are used to produce compost. The worms break down the material that creates the compost, which is a key ingredient in fertilizing the soil. Compost is rich in nutrients and is used in gardens, landscaping and agriculture.

For more information on drought-tolerant plants at ARWEC, please visit:

<http://www.usbr.gov/mp/arwec/garden/index.html>